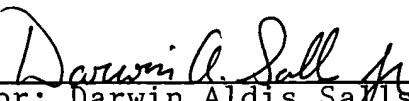


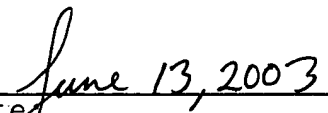
5. DECLARATION:

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are stated below next to my name and that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, the specification of which is attached hereto and which has the following title: **Offshore Energy Platform.**

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration. I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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